

Nirmala Convent School, Shivpuri, Bulandshahr

SPARKLING NIRMALARIANS

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Dear Students, Parents and well-wishers,

“If you plan for a year sow a seed, if you plan for a decade plant a tree and if you plan for a century educate the society” – A Chinese Proverb

I am delighted to witness the God given talents of students and staff in this temple of learning. **Sparkling Nirmalarians** presents the gist of day-to-day activities. It mirrors the mission accomplished by the Nirmalarians and the vision to be actualized by the young visionaries of today. **Kudos to the editorial team.**

As the world stays secured behind closed doors during the extended COVID-19 lockdowns and self-quarantine, work from home and online classes have become a norm. What we all need now is patience, optimism, resilience and firm faith in God almighty. While we stay home during this extended COVID-19 lockdown, it's a good time to read books, expand your knowledge.

Let's not get paranoid about Corona virus pandemic. Just follow the due precautions and **take very good care of yourself and those around you.** There is a strong ray of hope guiding us to find a way out of the present crisis. We will be out of these stormy waters for sure.

It is easy to get demotivated with the current global crisis which can lead to stress and anxiety but hope and positivity mustn't be lost. **Keeping yourself, each other, family and friends' positive** during this distressing times is very important.

You're braver than you believe and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think - so follow the safety guidelines and sanitization protocols to defeat Corona virus.

Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow. Stay positive, stay home, stay safe and save lives.

May God Almighty bless everyone.

**Sr. Preetika
Principal**

NEW ACADEMIC SESSION BEGINS.....

The new academic session for Class 10 commences on 22 March 2021. Students of all three sections (A, B and C) begin their new offline session following the guidelines and protocol of COVID-19. Class LKG to 9 begins on 5 April 2021. The students attend their new classes with lot of zeal, curiosity and enthusiasm.

BLESSINGS BY FATHER

On 06 April, the day begins with a short prayer and a message of love, peace, courage, generosity, sympathy and support is delivered to Class 9 and 10 students and the whole staff witness the event offline, and other students too who participate online. Rev. Father Praveen D'costa prays for the welfare of humanity, upliftment of the poor and needy, and freedom of the world from the pandemic (COVID-19). His blessings spread positive vibrations everywhere and fill each heart with hope and joy.



WEBINARS FOR TEACHERS

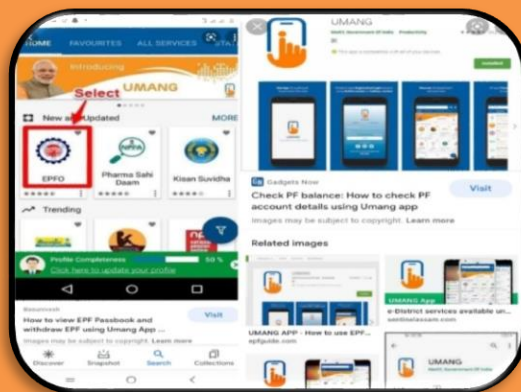
A series of webinars hosted by COE Noida start from 06 April 2021 have been attended by the teachers. A few of them include: Gender Sensitivity and Integration in Classroom Teaching, Understanding Classroom Management and its Components, Enhancing Life-Skills, Interpersonal Relationships and so on. Another series of webinars on topic- Gender Sensitivity Key Terms, Understanding Bloom's Taxonomy and its Application in (History), developing the Skill of Decision Making in Adolescents and so on by COE Noida begins from 27 April. In the month of June, COE Noida also provides free online training for Quality Capacity Development for the Teachers. On 14 June, CBSE also conducts an



online training programme on storytelling in five languages- English, Hindi, Tamil, Punjabi and Bengali. This course consists of 'One webinar, course material and assessment by using Google Classroom'. The language teachers of the school attend Hindi and English on 14 and 15 June respectively. These webinars update and increase professional growth of the teachers of each level.

UMANG MOBILE APP

On 06 April 2021, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTY) and National e-Governance Division (NeGD) has developed a Unified Mobile Application for new age governance (UMANG) to drive Mobile Governance in India. UMANG provides single point access to 1000+ series of centre and 29 State Governments through mobile. This information is brought to everyone's notice by the principal, who advises all her school teachers and students to know and avail centric government services through UMANG.





PARIKSHA- PE- CHARCHA

The fourth edition of **Pariksh Pe Charcha** is an interactive programme in which Honorable Prime Minister interacts with students, teachers and parents. This event is held in virtual mode by adhering Covid-19 protocols and assessed at the given site by the students of Class 6 onward. The students are encouraged to watch the programme on TV Channels/Digital Media. All the school teachers and many parents participate virtually and understand the ideas given to combat with the situation and carry on the preparation for the board and home exams of their wards\students.

INDIA WILD WISDOM GLOBAL CHALLENGE

It's an attempt to provide a unique opportunity for students to delve deeper into amazing wildlife, gain knowledge and take pride in its natural diversity. The students from Class 6 to 9 participate in the challenge in an online mode on 08 April 2021, and demonstrate their concern for the conservation of life on our planet. It aims to instil a sense of concern for the natural world

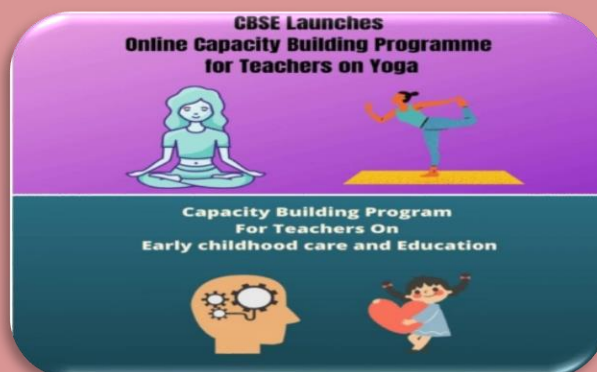


APPROACH TO FITNESS- KHELO INDIA

Under 'Fit India Mission', CBSE in collaboration with SAI, conducts an online awareness programme on 'Whole School Approach to Fitness' and 'Khelo India National Fitness Assessment Programme'. The teachers register themselves for an online examination on 19 and 26 April 2021. Its aim is to develop a sense of keeping fit and healthy, and enhance immunity to fight against the pandemic.

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

CBSE, in collaboration with Intel, organises Capacity Building Programmes for the teachers teaching 'Artificial Intelligence' in Class 9 and 10. The programme has been scheduled on different dates from 21 April to 25 June 2021. On account of the principal's notification, the eligible teachers register their names through the link provided in the online circular. It develops creativity and new teaching skills for promoting pedagogical factors to the students.



GLOBAL TEACHERS ACADEMY

Online training programme for Artificial Intelligence teachers under the global teachers' academy for digital technologies is an initiative by CBSE in collaboration with IBM to evangelise digital technologies among the teachers of CBSE affiliated schools. This four-week certification programme commences from 26 April to train 200 Computer Science / A.I. / I.T. teachers. The teachers register themselves through the given link and enhance their skill, knowledge and understanding for better pedagogical aspects.



INTER CLASS COMPETITIONS

Inter Class Competitions for Class 6 to 10 are organised on different topics such as, Class 6 to 8- speech on topic 'Water Conservation'; Class 9 and 10- speech on topic 'Heritage of India'. The students express their views beautifully and send their recorded videos to the judges (group wise). This provides a platform to the students to show their talent in oration and make them more confident

INSTITUTE WEEK

On 01 May 2021, the entire teaching staff celebrates 'Institution Week'. The teachers remember and commemorate the teachings of Mother Seraphina. On this auspicious occasion, teachers recite her preaching, express their views through various forms of art such as, Collage Making; Poster Making; Card Making and so on. This celebration familiarises everyone to the efforts of our foundress to promote education, especially to the girl child. And also, to become an ideal teacher to take all responsibilities of a teacher with full dedication and morality.



CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

With an objective to provide opportunity to update competencies among teachers and also to make them stress free during this pandemic situation, the Board suggests the teachers to get involved in continuous professional development. In this context, the Board also decides to conduct free online training sessions for the teachers from May 2021 through registration by the given link



MOTHER'S DAY

On 09 May 2021, the students of Class UKG share their love and feelings for their mothers by drawing cards and reciting poems, which they send to their respective class teachers. The students' videos are compiled and posted on school website and in all WhatsApp groups from Class LKG to 10. It reflects the students' feelings and concern for their mother.

INNOVATION AMBASSADOR

On 10 May 2021, an online training programme by CBSE in collaboration with Ministry of Education Innovation Cell and AICTE has been registered by the teachers to strengthen their mentoring capacity for nurturing and handholding ideas from students. The assigned teachers train themselves on the four important modules-Design Thinking and Innovation, Ideas Generation and Ideal Hand-Holding, Intellectual Property Rights and Product /Prototype Development. It helps teachers to carry on their innovative and better pedagogical skills.



YOUNG WARRIORS

On 21 May 2021, CBSE, together with Ministry of youth affairs and sports, Ministry of health and family welfare, 'Yuwaah'-UNICEF and a multi-stakeholder consortium of over 950 partners, are activating the young warrior movement. It's a nationwide movement to engage 5 million young people to lead action against COVID-19 and impact 50 million people. The principal encourages students and teachers between the age 10 and 30 years to join this movement and safeguard themselves, their families, their communities and the country at large. It develops sincerity and patriotism among young generation.



HELPING HAND TO THE LESS PRIVILEGED

On 30 May 2021, the school management provides articles of basic necessity such as; rice, sugar, flour and so on to express their heartfelt humility and respect to less privileged and set an example for each of us. Several reports have confirmed that COVID-19 necessitated lockdown has led to spike in mental illness, especially among the poor. This support may not be a big gesture, but a small act of kindness that can brighten up someone's day and create a sense of outreach and hope.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

The school celebrates International Yoga Day on 21 June 2021 for physical and mental wellbeing of students, parents and teachers as well. This consists of- online quiz competition on yoga for Class 6 to 10, online yoga session for students and parents for Class LKG to 10 and online yoga for students, parents and teachers. All these events have been conducted through Zoom Application. It develops a sense of good health and physical fitness among the people.

“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs”. (Mk 10:14)

CBSE EXPRESSION SERIES

To celebrate the 75th year of India's independence, The CBSE Expression Series for the session 2021-22 which is based on the theme- India@ 75 has been forwarded to the students. The students from Class 3 to 10 actively participate online from 30 June to 20 July in the first expression series for the session on the sub-theme 'Charting India's Progress @ 75'. This enhances the students' capacity and potential, and will to participate in all events and activities even at such crucial moment.

INTER-SECTION COMPETITIONS

In the month of July, various online inter-section competitions (group wise) have been organised for the students from Class LKG to 10. For Class LKG-Paper Folding, Class UKG-English Speech, Class I and II-Clay Modeling, Class III and IV-Poem Recitation, Class VI to VIII-Regional Solo Singing (EBSB) and Class IX and X-Debate on topic-Indian Constitution is the Best Legal Document in the World (CBSE). The winner students have been awarded certificate according to their respective rank. Such competitions develop confidence and enthusiasm among the students that develop competitive spirit in them.



SUBJECT ENRICHMENT

On 17 July 2021, various online competitions for promoting English for all level students are organised. They actively and fervently take part class wise. The students participate accordingly - LKG and UKG- 'English Rhyme', Class I to 3- 'Value Based Storytelling', Class 4 and 5- 'Speech-Holidays are Utilised Not Wasted', Class 6- 'Moral Based Storytelling', Class 7 and 8- 'Speech-Your Role Model' and Class 9 and 10- 'Essay writing-Pandemic-An Opportunity/Adversity'. The students have sent their

entries to the assigned concerned teachers and have received first, second and third winning certificate. This stimulates students' interest in the language.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The school management organises investiture ceremony for the council heads of the academic session 2021-22 on 03 August 2021. It begins with a small prayer followed by lighting of the lamp by Rev. Sr. Principal, Sr. Maria and the council heads. The young students selected by the committee members participate energetically to take responsibilities they are entrusted to. The head boy, head girl, assistant head boy and assistant head girl were present in the school for the ceremony and other council members participated virtually. The entire council seems concerned and committed for maintaining discipline in the school.



ST. CLARE'S FEAST

Class 9-B and 7-B students organise a programme on 11 August 2021. The students have sent videos of songs, teachings and inspiring words meant and related to Clare of Assisi, who was an Italian saint and one of the followers of Francis of Assisi. The students learn the teachings of the saint and update their knowledge about the religion.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

The teaching staff celebrates the 75th Independence Day with lot of enthusiasm and fervor. The programme commences with the hoisting of the National Flag by Rev. Sr. Maria followed by speech, poems, group dance, group song and fancy dress. Rev. Sr. Principal, along with entire staff takes the pledge for national integration. On this day, top 5 rank holders in CBSE

Board Examination (2020-21) have been awarded with trophies and prize money. The programme ends with the distribution of chocolates.

SILVER JUBILEE

On 12 August 2021, a small get-together and refreshment party is organised by the school management to thank and appreciate 25 years of selfless service rendered by Ms. Sheetal Sirohi, Ms. Shalinni, Ms. Rehana Alam and Ms. Chanchal Bhargava. A token of love is also offered to each one of them from the school management. This type of event inspires other staff members to carry on their services with same spirit and dedication.



PET EXAM

On 24 August 2021, the school conducts preliminary test for UPSSC-(PET) 2021 in the school for 360 students in two shifts. Under the kind guidance of the principal, teaching and non-teaching staff members impart their invigilation and other duties skillfully and smoothly. This promotes confidence and potential among the staff members to conduct events and exams beyond their areas.



VALUE BASED ASSEMBLY

The students of almost all classes (section wise) perform a virtual value-based assembly on the assigned different dates and topics given to them. They present their ideas in the form of speech, song, poems, skit and so on. The students perform their roles with great excitement and passion. This develops a sense of righteousness and religiosity among the students and help them to follow the path of truth, hard work, unity, friendship, accountability and many more values.

STAFF MEETINGS

Time to time the school management organises staff meeting headed by Rev. Sr. Principal to discuss and plan the best possible means and ways to teach the students, complete the syllabus, checking of the assignments, revision (oral and written) test, exams and many more strategies to carry on new teaching and learning methodology. These meetings update the teachers and familiarise them to the present pedagogy and its requirement for effective and needful teaching.



WELCOME AND FELICITATION

The school management and the staff welcome their new principal, Rev. Sr. Preetika. Every staff member feels immense pleasure, and felicitates her with prayer and welcome song. At last, Sr. Principal expresses her gratitude and love for such warm welcome. Everyone admires and appreciates her demeanor and concern for education and duties that she carries on as an individual.

FAREWELL REV. SR. DAISY

To bid farewell to Rev. Sr. Daisy, a small get-together is organised on 26 August by the staff members in the dance room. The teachers express their heartfelt emotions in the form of songs (solo and group), poem and sharing of memories. It reflects a good rapport between the staff and the school management.



Ms. MADHUBALA SHARMA

The school management bids farewell on the retirement of Ms. Madhubala Sharma on 01 November 2021. A small get-together is organised in the school campus. Ms. Neeraj Solanki hosts the entire programme. All the teachers, especially Hindi Dept. teachers express their gratitude and feelings through poems, group songs and so on. The school management and the staff honour the guest with tokens of love. The function is concluded with the experiences shared by ma'am.

MS. ANUPAMA GUPTA

On 14 February, the school management bids farewell on the retirement of Ms. Anupama Gupta. A table fellowship is arranged by the school management in her honour. Ms. Zarrin Zaffar hosts the programme. A few teachers express their feelings through music, solo song, poems, group songs and so on. The school management and the staff honour ma'am with tokens of love. All staff members become emotional and sentimental on this occasion.



JANMASHTMI



The birth of lord Krishna is celebrated as Janmashtmi all over the country. This year, the students of Class 1-A, B, C and 7-A present a virtual programme- solo song, beautiful dances in attractive attires, significance of the day, telling stories related to Krishna and many more mesmerizing activities. The zealous performances reflect the students' thoughts and knowledge about their festivals and rituals.

DIWALI CELEBRATION

Diwali, the festival of lights is indeed one of the most awaited festivals in India. People in every nook and corner of the country welcome and celebrate the festival with enthusiastic gestures and so do our students too. This year, on 03 November, the students of Class 8 present the celebration virtually. They contribute for the same through prayer dance, description of the festival and its significance. The students conclude their presentation with a slogan "Ek Diya Shahidon Ke Naam".



CHILDREN'S DAY



14 November, the birthday of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru is observed as Children's Day all over the country. It's virtually celebrated by the teachers. Various beautiful programmes- group songs, quawwali, speech and many more activities are organised for the students who enjoy these programmes at virtual mode from their homes. The school management, teachers and principal wish the students a good health of mind and body, and a bright future ahead. This reflects the mentors' concern and love for their students.

CLEANLINESS DRIVE

On the occasion of cleanliness drive from 1-15 September, *Swachh Bharat*, the school observes Swachhta Pakhwada by organising different participatory activities like- Swachhta Shapath on 1 September, Swachhta Awareness Day on 2 September, Green School Drive Days on 4 and 5 September, Swachhta Participation Day (Slogan Writing) on 6 and 7 September, Hand Wash Day on 8 September, Swachhta Action Plan Days on 13 and 14 September. All these activities have been undertaken offline strictly keeping in views the COVID-19 protocols laid by the government. The students get aware and become sensitive for maintaining cleanliness in their school, house, colony, society and country at large.





VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

The Central Vigilance Commission, in its endeavor to promote transparency, accountability and integrity in public life has been declaring the observance of Vigilance awareness Week from 26 October to 01 November for inculcating awareness in vigilance in public life. The school takes pledge following COVID-19 protocol for social distance. Also, the school organises speech and poem (Hindi and English) relevant to the theme for dissemination of anti-corruption messages and stressing the vision of

vigilant India. The students learn to follow the tips for awareness in various walks of their lives.

AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

As our nation celebrates 75th anniversary of India's Independence, so to commemorate this, a series of events are planned by the government of India. From 12 to 18 October, many events are organised, in which Class 10 students participate in writing about places related to freedom struggle. The activity enhances students' knowledge about history of independence. For the month of November, the activity planned for Class 6 students is Hindi or English poem recitation on topic- Freedom Fighters. The students participate with great enthusiasm and passion. It reflects their feelings of patriotism and love for their country.



EK BHARAT SHRESTHA BHARAT

On 21 October, the students of Class 7 and 8 decorate their class bulletin board on the theme- Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh. Also, the students of Class 9 and 10 write an essay on any of these states in about 700 words which are selected group wise and uploaded on the given web site to follow an online competition contributed for the same. It exhibits students' knowledge about their neighbouring states.



NATIONAL ART COMPETITION

National Mission for Clean Ganga, ministry of 'Jal Shakti' organises a drive on 02 October and continues for three months. The festival encompasses Namami Gange with themes- Dolphin/ Bio-Diversity of Ganga/ Role of Youth in River Rejuvenation/ Livelihood around Ganga. The students participate at different levels and show their artistic skills. The competitions aim to provide a platform to youth and school children to demonstrate their artistic skills, help people re-visit the art, culture and history of India.





DUSSEHRA CELEBRATION

The students of Class 5 and 7 C join together to celebrate the festival of 'Vijaydashmi' which marks the victory of good over evil. The children recite hymns, do has and bhajans as a mark and significance of Durga Ashtmi and Ramnavmi. Before Dussehra, nine forms of Maa Shakti are represented by nine little girls. The students' performance is quite praise worthy that reflects a tint of religiosity and divine attitude in them.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Christmas is an annual festival immortalizing the birth of Jesus Christ. On 23 December, the school staff celebrates this day in school premises with great zeal. It commences with a prayer followed by a description and significance of the festival by Ms. Zareen Zaffar. Later, a short skit depicting the birth of Jesus Christ is displayed by the teachers. Joyful and mesmerizing carols fill the aroma of festive occasion in the school compound. The programme is concluded with the words of wisdom by Rev. Sr. Rose and a merry-go-round dance by all the teachers. This festival teaches us to be compassionate, supportive, benevolent and helpful to all living beings.



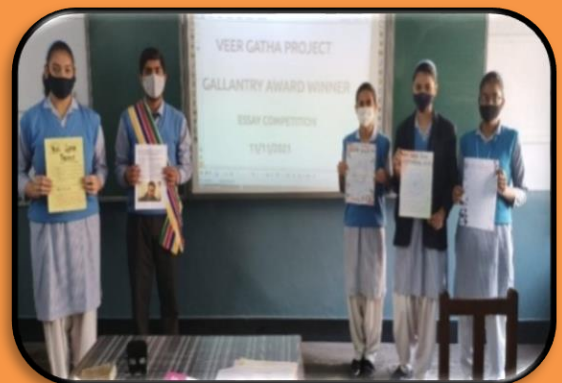
POST CARD CAMPAIGN

As part of the ongoing celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava, the department of Posts, Ministry of Communication, along with the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, propose postcard campaign. The students of Class 6-10 participate in the campaign on 18 December. They write a postcard on either of the two topics- 'Unsung Heroes of Freedom Struggle' or 'My vision for India in 2047'. The students take part with great interest and passion, and display their excitement and fervor.



VEER GATHA PROJECT

In the honour of Gallantry Award Winners (21 October- 20 November), the department of school education and literacy organises the Veer Gatha Project. Under this project, various activities/competitions are organised in the school premises for the students from Class 3-10. The students come up with painting, poem, mimicry and paragraph writing. It disseminates the details of acts of bravery and the life stories of these brave hearts among the students.





NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

On 12 January 2022, the school celebrates National youth Day, the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The young students celebrate the day as 'Yuva Diwas' virtually. The students of Class 3 and 10 give speech, quote his stimulating words and dress up like him and convey his message and present beautiful graphics. His teachings inspire the present generation to build a healthy and strong nation.

VACCINATION CAMP

09 and 13 January 2022 have been observed as COVID-19 Vaccination camp for the age group 15-17 years, is organised in two phases- the first at Nation Public School, Ram Vihar, BSR. A total of 32 children gets vaccinated with first dose of Covaxin. And the second phase of the camp gets scheduled at Nirmala Convent school, Bulandshahr. The remaining 41 students get their first shot of vaccination of Covaxin on 13 January in the school campus.



REPUBLIC DAY

The great event of our 73rd Republic Day is celebrated with an essence of nationalism and allegiance in the school campus. Ms. Anupama Gupta is honoured as the chief guest, who unfurls the National Flag. This great event is celebrated by the teachers and virtually by the students of Class 7 and pre-primary wing. The teachers sing patriotic songs, deliver speech and do yoga. Rev. Sr. Principal wishes and congratulates everyone for active participation and shares her feelings of joy and happiness. The programme gets over by distributing sweets to the staff members.



BIDDING FAREWELL TO CLASS - X

On 5 March 2022, the students of Class 10 are given farewell. The school organises this function in the school premises. 'Farewell' brings joy; as students move ahead for their career and further studies. On the other hand, they are sad because they are bound to leave their loving and caring teachers as well as the school boundaries. On this occasion, Class 9 students entertain the students with songs and dances (solo and group) performances. Sr. Principal motivates the students with her golden words, and blesses all the students for their bright future. Unlike other years, a few students of Class 10 set an example by generously contributing their token of love in the form of 58 saplings with flower pots and dresses to the ministerial staff. This shows their concern and feelings towards nature and mankind at large. This kind gesture of the students is commended by all.

